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GOJ Cabinet this afternoon authorized press release saying "Jamaica endorses steps taken by USG which seeks to put an end to threat in Caribbean area. 'Hopes problem will be resolved through UN and will assist through this agency'".

With approval of Cabinet Minister External Affairs today sent Embassy letter enumerating following immediate requirements to increase strength of defense force:

Four coastal patrol boats fitted with armament and radar;  
four light helicopters; twelve armored cars.

Letter also requests suitable officers be sent from US to discuss these requirements and other related details. They also feel the need for continuing intelligence data to keep abreast operations in this area throughout the crisis.

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NOTE: Mr. Bell (ARA) notified. Advance copy to SS 10-24-62 CWO-M

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